

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerd Hofmann et al. Art Unit : Unknown  
Serial No. : 10/518,907 Examiner : Unknown  
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Title : BRANCHING DEVICE FOR AN ELECTRIC LINE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated July 21, 2005, be extended for one month to and including October 21, 2005.

The amount of \$120 for the required fee is included with the payment for filing the Oath/Declaration. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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